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TAGS: PARM, CCD

SUBJECT: CCD: 738TH PLENARY MEETING, MARCH 22,1977

1. SUMMARY: CCD PLENARY SESSION WAS HELD MORNING,

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MARCH 22. INDIAN REP MADE STATEMENT ON CTB RE-EMPHASIZING

INDIANA VIEW THAT PNES CANNOT BE REGULATED BY ANY BAN ON

WEAPONS TESTS NOR EVEN CONSIDERED UNDER DISARMAMENT RUBRIC.

SWEDISH REP MADE STATEMENT ON CW, OUTLINING INITIAL, NON-

EXPERT, SWEDISH REACTION TO UK DRAFT TREATY, USREP, IN

RESPONSE TO INDIAN STATEMENT, MADE STATEMENT CONCERNING

INDISTINGUISHABILITY OF "CONTAINED NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS"

AND "CONTAINED PNES". END SUMMARY.

2. THE 738TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE CCD CONVENED MORNING, MARCH 22; USSR REP (LIKHACHEV) CHAIRED. INDIAN REP (JAIN) MADE STATEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) ISSUE, DRAWING HEAVILY ON INDIA'S "HISTORICALLY COURAGEOUS" CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONCLUSION OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT PROHIBITING ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS. CALLING FOR ADHERENCE OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES, INDIAN REP STATED "A COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON NUCLEARWEAPON TESTS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY A TREATY WHICH IS PARTIAL IN ITS ADHERENCE BY NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES. SUCH A TREATY WILL BE A MISNOMER, IF IT WERE TO BE CALLED A COMPREHENSIVE TREATY". MAINTAINING POSITION ON PNES PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED, HE SAID: "IT WILL BE ANOTHER BASIC ERROR, IF A TREATY ON A COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS WERE TO SEEK TO REGULATE PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. ANY TREATY IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD CAN ONLY DEAL WITH WEAPONS". AND STATED THAT "THE PROPER FORUM" FOR CONSIDERING PNE QUESTION IS IAEA SINCE IT HAS ALREADY "SEIZED OF THE VARIOUS ASPECTS" OF THE PNE ISSUE. IN CONCLUDING REMARKS, INDIAN REP RE-EMPHASIZED STANCE ON PNES, STATING "THE QUESTION OF REGULATION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY, IN THE CONTEXT OF A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPON TEST BAN".

3. SWEDISH REP (THORSSON) MADE STATEMENT ON CW DIRECTED PRIMARILY TO GENERAL COMMENTS ON UK DRAFT CONVENTION. SWEDISH REP REMARKED ON FOLLOWING POINTS
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IN UK DRAFT:

A. PRE-RATIFICATION COMMITMENTS -- QUESTIONED WHETHER NATIONS WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT OBLIGATIONS (I.E., INFORMATION EXCHANGE OR PRODUCTION MORATORIUM) BEFORE TREATY ENTERS INTO FORCE.

B. VERIFICATION- CALLED FOR VERIFICATION BY CHALLENGE TO AUGMENT DRAFT TREATY PROVISIONS TO "ENSURE EFFECTIVENESS OF VERIFICATION", BUT OTHERWISE SUPPORTS UK SUGGESTIONS.

C. CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES -- WOULD BE POSSIBLY DECISIVE FACTORS FOR ACHIEVING A CW TREATY; LIKED 1976 US SUGGESTION REGARDING TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS.

D. SCOPE -- SAW DEFINITIONAL PROBLEMS WITH UK TERMINOLOGY IN ARTICLE I AND STATED THAT CCD WAS "STILL FAR FROM READY" TO TAKE A DECISION ON SCOPE OF THE PROHIBITION.

(1) TOXINS -- SHOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER DEFINITION OF "LETHAL" IN ARTICLE I DESPITE THE FACT

THAT IT'S COVERED BY BW CONVENTION, "ELSE, AMBIGUOUS
INTERPRETATIONS WOULD PERHAPS BE POSSIBLE, E.G., WITH
RESPECT TO VERIFICATION".

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(2) BINARIES -- CLARIFICATION OF EXACTLY HOW
THESE WOULD BE COVERED WAS NECESSARY.
SWEDISH REP ALSO REMINEDE COMMITTEE THAT PREPARATIONS
FOR CHEMICAL WARFARE (ORGANIZATIONAL AND TRAINING
ACTIVITIES WITHIN ARMED FORCES) WERE ALSO IMPORTANT
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CONSIDERATIONS THAT POSSIBLY SHOULD ALSO BE ADDRESSED.

4. USREP (MEYERS) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO INDIAN REP'S STATEMENT ON PNES IN CONTEXT OF CTB. ENTIRE TEXT FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN:

I WISH TO SAY THAT MY DELEGATION HAS NOTED VERY CAREFULLY WHAT THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIAN HS SAID THIS MORNING IN THE COMMITTEE ON THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS AND OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. WE MAY WISH TO RETURN TO THIS MATTER AT A SUBSEQUENT TIME. I WOULD WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED IN ITS OWN WORK PROGRAM FOR ITS SPRING SESSION A HEADING DESCRIBED AS "INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE CCD ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN", WHICH IS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE WEEK OF 18-22 APRIL. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT, AS IS WELL KNOWN AND GENERALLY AGREED, THERE IS NO WAY TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN CONTAINED NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS AND CONTAINED NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THE PROBLEMS OF DETECTION ARE CLEARLY RELATED. HOW AND WHERE TO COPE WITH THESE ISSUES PRESENT OTHER QUESTIONS ON WHICH THERE MAY REASONABLY BE DIVERGENT VIEWS, BUT HOPEFULLY IT SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THESE ARMS CONTROL PROBLEMS ARE CORRECTLY COMPREHENDED UNDER THE PHRASE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN.

END TEXT

5. CHAIRMAN-OF-THE-DAY INFORMED COMMITTEE OF IAEA REQUEST TO SEND OBSERVERS TO INFORMAL MEETINGS ON CTB SCHEDULED APRIL 18-22, AND PROPOSED THAT CCD TAKE A DECISION TO INVITE IAEA. PROPOSAL WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT COMMENT (GENEVA 2161).

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6. NEXT PLENARY WILL BE MORNING, MARCH 24. SORENSON

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